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DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR G&F DIVISION, FAS

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1. PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 20 CARRIED SECRETARY GENERAL BREZHNEV'S
SPEECH IN SOPHIA IN WHDC REFERENCE MADE TO THIS YEAR'S
HARVEST IN USSR. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF PORTION
ON AGRICULTURE:

"THIS YEAR, ON LARGE EXPANSES OF THE COUNTRY IS GROWING,
IT CAN BE SAID, A GOOD HARVEST. IT IS TRUE THAT EVEN
TODAY NATURE IS PRESENTING US WITH SURPRISES: IN MANY
REGIONS OF THE USSR, HARVESTING IS GOING ON UNDER
PROTRACTED, INTENSE RAINS. AT THIS TIME, OF COURSE,
IT IS TOO EARLY TO NAME THE FINAL FIGURES. MUCH, ESPEC-
IALLY IN EASTERN REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY, IS LEFT TO BE
DONE, IN ORDER TO HARVEST WITHOUT LOSSESS.... PEOPLE
ARE NOT SPARING THEIR EFFORT, DESPITE THE WHIMS OF
WEATHER, TO FULFILL THEIR DEBT.

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REGIONS, DISTRICTS AD THE RSFSR MADE A COMMITMENT TO

SELL THE STAE NO LESS THAN THREE BILLION POODS OF GRAIN
(49.14 MILLION METRIC TONS), WHILE THE WORKERS OF
UKRAINE AND KZAKHSTAN NO LESS THAN ONE BILLION POODS
(16.38 MILLION METRIC TONS). HIGH TARGETS WERE ALSO
SET BY ALL OUR OTHER REPUBLICS. WE HOPE THAT THE TOTAL
HARVEST WILL SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEED THE LEVEL OF PAST
YEARS."

2. COMMENT: THE "PAST YEARS" REFERRED TO IN BREZHNEV'S
SPEECH ARE THE RECORD CRWS OF 1970 (186.8 MILLION TONS)
AND 1971 (QIQMW MILLION TONS). PERSISTANT REFERENCE TO
BAD WEATHER BY THE PRESS, PRATICALLY FROM THE START OF
HARVEST IN JULY, AS WELL AS BY BREZHNEV LEADS US TO
BELIEVE THAT, DESPITE FAVORABLE GROWING CONDITIONS, RAINS
DURING THE ENTIRE HARVESTING PERIOD M34 -'94 0ORTIONS
OF SOVIET GRAIN PRODUCING AREAS WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANTLY
NEGATIVE EFFECT ON SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST.
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